

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of February 18, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of movement of the printhead module and to specify that the drive electronics incorporates a plurality of controllers, each controller and the associated drive electronics is provided on a associated printed circuit board, the printed circuit boards are adjacent one another and each have recessed portions which adjoin recessed portions in the adjacent printed circuit boards, and the \adjoined recessed portions receive an electrical connecting member for interconnecting the controllers of adjacent printed circuit boards such that each interconnected controller is able to control the printing operation of the printhead integrated circuits. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 19, line 1-page 20, line 13 of the present specification;

dependent claim 6 is amended to omit "direct" from "direct alignment"; and dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of claim 6 provides the correction required by the Examiner.

Regarding Double Patenting Rejections

It is respectfully that amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, are patentable over claims 1, 2 and 5 of US Patent No. 7,322,672 in view of Ishikawa, because neither these claims of US Patent No. 7,322,672 or the disclosure of Ishikawa teaches or suggests the arrangement of the controllers and printed circuit boards of the claimed invention to interconnect the controllers with electrical connecting members.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook '908 and Ishikawa in view of Chee, because none of these cited references teaches or suggests the arrangement of the controllers and printed circuit boards of the claimed invention to interconnect the controllers with electrical connecting members.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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